

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday October 26, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M**  
**Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet**  
**Video Link: [meet.google.com/cdc-bzog-emi](https://meet.google.com/cdc-bzog-emi)**  
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**Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston - Chairman/Public At Large  
Larry Brenneman - Western MD  
Dave Kelly - Central MD  
Heather Quinn - DNR  
Mike Hall - Eastern MD  
Brad Hartman - Southern MD  
Robert Peoples - MDE

**MDE Staff Present**

Duane Johnson - Executive Director  
John Boris - MDE, Wastewater  
Jennifer Bowman – Acting Board Counsel

**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call for anyone present at the virtual meeting.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion made by Dave Kelly was seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Review and Adoption of September 28, 2022, Remote Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the September 28, 2022, open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Executive Director Comments**

- Eugene Stichler. examinee for MWD- Duane Johnson mentioned that Mr. Stichler provided his 40-hour HAZWOPER and 8-hour Refresher Certificates.

- EWQA Fall Conference 2022 Update- EWQA indicated they will provide a sign in sheet and a certificate for all attendees.

**Revenue and Expenditures**

**AUGUST (Final)**

Revenue            \$525.00  
 Expenditures    \$129,120.16

**SEPTEMBER**

Revenue            \$1450.00  
 Expenditures    Pending

Month	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY	\$8,745.13	\$1350.00
AUGUST	\$129,120.16	\$525.00
SEPTEMBER	Pending	\$1450.00
Total		

Duane Johnson reported that August revenue and expenditures are now final and September revenue and expenditures are still in draft form. Adding a cumulative expenditures column to the above table was suggested.

**2023 Meeting & Examination Schedule**

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**2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monthly Board meetings are open to the public and are held at the Maryland Department of the Environment Headquarters located at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD. All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in the MDE-Serv Conference Room.

January 25, 2023	July 26, 2023
February 22, 2023	August 23, 2023
March 22, 2023	September 27, 2023
April 26, 2023	October 25, 2023
May 24, 2023	November 15, 2023
June 28, 2023	December 20, 2023

Please note: The Board does not always meet every month. MDE's calendar is updated if meetings are canceled.

### **2023 BOARD EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**

All examinations are held at the Maryland Department of the Environment Headquarters located at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD. All exams will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the MDE-Conference Rooms.

February 1, 2023	August 2, 2023
April 5, 2023	October 4, 2023
June 7, 2023	December 6, 2023

#### **New Business**

- **Examination Qualifications**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Exam Type</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Exp/Equipment</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Alex Eaton	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year work experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MSD221 is in good standing.	Aqua Works 2018	Helper/mud rotary, installed 1/2 hp submersible pump	Approve
Brian Ross	Apprentice Pump Installer	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10	Fogle's Well 2018	Well pump technician/work on drill rig, mini excavators, pitless	Approve

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		locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, received letter of recommendation, sponsor MSD226 is in good standing.		adaptor repairs, installed pressure tanks and water lines	
Gilton Hernandez	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MWD326 is in good standing.	Allied 2020	Helper/rotary, geothermal and water wells, helped with installation of approximately 100 wells	Approve
Richard Miller	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MWD326 is in good standing.	Allied 2013	Helper/air rotary, geothermal and water wells, helped with installation of approximately 100 wells	Approve
Austin Line	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MWD553 is in good standing, LOR.	Carroll 09/01/21	Helper/T3, versa drill, rock wells, mud wells	Approve
Ronald Fisher	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement,	Carroll 08/03/2021	Helper/Versa-Drill, T3, mud and rock wells	Approve

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		provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MWD553 is in good standing, LOR.			
John Leager	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MWD461 is in good standing, LOR.	Somerset 7/6/2021	Helper/CF15 GEFCO, Versa-Drill, helped install 75+ wells, pumps, and tanks	Approve
Juan Zetina	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing, LOR.	Somerset 2015	Helper/hydraulic rotary rigs, trench and backhoe	Approve
Anthony Adkins	Apprentice Well Driller	Meets the 1-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing, LOR.	Somerset 07/12/2021	Helper/hook-up 4" PVC wells, submersible pumps and pressure tanks	Approve
Brandon Fitchett	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he	Somerset 2018	Helper/driller rig operator, well hook-up Versa-Drill N100G, CF15 GEFCO	Approve

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		assisted in the installation of equipment, license AWD088, sponsor MWD461 is in good standing.			
Shawn Conner	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license WRO106, AWD895, Delaware license # 5459, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2007 to present	Helper/driller Versa-Drill 100NG, GEFCO CF 1500, GEFCO 1250, 400+ wells and systems	Approve
Patricio Villafurttte	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license AWD044, sponsor MSD059 is .in good standing.	Somerset 2004-present	Helper/hook-up Versa-Drill 100 NG, GEFCO 1250, domestic, municipal and geothermal wells	Approve
Robert Harris	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license WRO106, AWD896, Delaware license # 5585, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2004-present	Driller/helper well rig operator domestic, municipal and geothermal wells, Versa-Drill 100 NG, GEFCO CF1500, GEFCO 1250	Approve

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Andrew Price	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license WRO087, AWD856, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2000-present	Driller/helper well rig operator domestic and municipal, irrigation and geothermal wells Versa-Drill 100 NG, GEFCO 1250, 500+ systems	Approve
Douglas Layne	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license WRO100, AWD880, Delaware license # 5430, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2006 to present	Helper/driller well rig operator domestic, municipal and geothermal wells, Versa-Drill 100 NG, GEFCO CF 1500, 1250	Approve
Zachary Noll	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license AWD034, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2014 to present	Helper/driller domestic and geothermal wells, submersible pumps and tanks, Versa-Drill 100 NG, GEFCO 1250	Approve
Victor Villafuerte	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license	Somerset 2004 to present	Helper/driller domestic wells, pumps, tanks, hook-ups, domestic wells, pumps, tanks, trench and backhoe, GEFCO 1500 and 1250	Approve

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		AWD045, sponsor MSD056 is in good standing.			
William Kaplan	Journeyman Well Driller	Meets 3-year experience requirement, provided 10 locations where he assisted in the installation of equipment, license AWD027, sponsor MSD059 is in good standing.	Somerset 2016 to present	Helper/driller domestic wells, pumps, tanks and hook-ups, hydraulic rotary rigs, trench and backhoe	Approve

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the above applicants to take their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Request from Barlow Well Drilling**

Duane Johnson received a letter from Barlow Well Drilling requesting the examination be read/given orally to a driller. After discussion by the Board the Board's Counsel the Board decided to allow Duane Johnson to read the December examination to the applicant.

**Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

No Comments

**Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Heather Quinn to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article (“GP”), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Larry Brenneman that was seconded by Heather Quinn, Board members approved moving into closed session on October 26, 2022, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,

GP § 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,

GP § 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting: Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Brad Hartman and Robert Peoples.

The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson, Jennifer Bowman and John Boris.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

### **Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the September 28, 2022, closed meeting minutes, and discussed the Calvert County Health Department’s water conditioner equipment Installation issue, an update regarding the Board’s proposed regulation changes, and new notices of violation.